[Mr. C. Jebamony Nadar.]

(*c*) the total number appointed from these applicants;

(*d*) whether any undergraduate has been appointed as conductor; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative:

(i) the number of such appointments;

(ii) the taluks to which they belong, and

(iii) the community to which they belong?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) No. As a rule only graduates are selected for the post of conductors with certain exceptions.

(*b*) 245.

(*c*) 108.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) (i) 10.

(ii) Agastiswaram, Kalkulam, Neyyattinkara and Trivandrum.

(iii) Vellalas 3.
Nairs 4.
Christians 2.
Ezhava 1.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: In answer to part (*d*) may I know the reason for the deviation?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: It was necessitated by a contingency. The Transport Superintendent had to recruit some men who were employed by the Pioneer and other Bus Companies.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: In answer to part (*e*) may I know the number of men from Neyyattinkara taluk?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: I claim notice.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Is there any member from Shertala taluk?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: That information is not available.

Buses for the Transport Department.

53. ❋**MR. K. R. NARAYANAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of buses got down for the Transport Department and the amount spent for the same;

(*b*) the total receipts of the Transport Department till now; and

(*c*) the profit up to date, deducting interest on the outlay and cost on account of salary?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) 59 buses and 1 lorry; Rs. 4,20,511-11-0.

(*b*) Rs. 2,73,829-18-8.

(*c*) Rs. 57,000 (approximately).

The above figures relate to the period from 10-7-1113 to 21-11-1113.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: മുടക്കിയ പണത്തിന്റെ പലിശയും ശമ്പളവും കഴിച്ച് ൫,൦൦൦ രൂപയോളം ലാഭം ഉണ്ടെന്ന് ഠവ

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ഞ്ഞുകാണുന്നു. ഏതു ശതമാനമാണ് പലിശക്കണക്കെന്നു് അറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Interest is the calculated at the rate of 4 per cent.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

PRESIDENT: The House will now resume consideration of the Factories Bill.

Clause 34.

SRIMATI C. O. PONNAMMA (*Co-opted*): Sir, I beg to move the following amendment:

In Clause 34, proviso, line 2, substitute the words "fifty-four" for the words 'fifty six."

MR. P. K. KUNJU: I second it.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI (*Nominated*): Since clause 34, has been amended with 48 hours per week I would like to know the attitude of Government at this stage?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer*): The position of Government is this. The weekly working hours permissible under the Factories Act and Regulations in force in British India and other Indian States is the 54 hour limit. 48 Hours limit is a limit that has been recommended by the International Convention and accepted only by some of the parties to the convention. It has been the unanimous opinion that under Indian conditions, the working hours could not be reduced to anything less than 54. Government are also of that view. As the House has already expressed it opinion on this point when clause 34 came up for discussion, Government now think of taking such measures as would be deemed expedient when the appropriate occasion comes. Until that time, the other clauses in the Bill will have to be dealt with in the order in which they come up for discussion. On this point, Government are of the view that 48 hours limit cannot be enacted into law so far as the Factories Bill is concerned At any rate Government are definitely of the opinion that it is not for the good of the country that such an enactment should be passed.

I have already pointed out that labour legislation is not peculiar to Travancore. But if it is enacted, it should be on a par with legislation obtaining in the surrounding districts and there should be no deviation from that.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): On a point of order. In my copy of the Bill there is no clause called 34.

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